

SEA DISASTER CLAIMS 160 LIVES

SIX MILLION DOLLAR SEAT
OF GOVERNMENT IS RUINED
BY FLAMES; SIX LIVES LOSTSweeping Investigation Into
Origin of Blaze to Be
Instituted.

BOMB PLOT SCENTED?

Explosion Heard by Surviv-
ors—One of Official
Body Missing.Washington, Feb. 4.—Senator
Thomas, democrat, introduced a resolu-
tion today denouncing the fire in the
house of parliament at Ottawa as an
act of "deliberately planned incendiary-
ism," and an "unpardonable crime
against civilization." Senator Gallinger,
republican, objected to its con-
sideration, saying he knew of no evi-
dence of incendiaryism.Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Two women and
three men are known to have perished
in the fire which swept the central por-
tion of Canada's magnificent parlia-
ment building last night, destroying
the chambers of commons and senate.
Several others are reported missing
and it is feared today they are buried
in the ruins.All night long firemen, police and
soldiers fought to save the \$6,000,000
structure, which is considered one of
the finest examples of Gothic architec-
ture on this continent. They were suc-
cessful in saving the library building
and the east and west wings of the
main edifice.Immediately after the fire started a
report was spread that it was caused
by the explosion of an incendiary
bomb. The fire started in the reading
room of the house of commons, and
several persons who were present at
the time, including Mayor Martin of
Montreal, asserted that it was pre-
ceded by an explosion which knocked
down several persons. The bomb theory
was, however, rejected today by
Colonel Sherwood, commander of the
dominion police, who insisted the con-
flagration was accidental.The two women who lost their lives
were Madame Bray, wife of H. F. Bray
of Quebec, and Madame Morin, wife of
Louis Morin of St. Joseph de Bauc, Quebec.
The men, whose bodies are
buried in the debris, are a policeman,
an employe in the building and a
waiter.

Two Reported Missing.

Among those reported missing is B.
R. Law, a member of parliament for
Yarmouth, N. S. Mr. Law is under-
stood to have been at the house at the
time the fire broke out and has not
been seen since. J. B. La Plant, as-
sistant clerk of the commons, is also
among those reported missing.Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Canada's magnifi-
cent parliament building, which
cost more than \$6,000,000, lay
in ruins today, swept by a fire attrib-
uted by some to a bomb or infernal
machine. At least six lives were lost
and many persons injured. The fire
was under control at 3 a. m. today af-
ter raging furiously for six hours. The
known dead are:MADAME BRAY, wife of H. A. Bray
of Quebec and daughter of the late
George Tanguay of the legislative
council.MADAME MORIN, wife of Louis
Morin, of St. Joseph de Bauc, Quebec.
ROBERT FANNING, a waiter em-
ployed in the building.A. DES JARDINES, a dominion po-
liceman.AL DES JARDINES, a plumber.
Another dominion policeman is be-
lieved to have been killed with the
Des Jardines when the roof fell on
them while they were working with
others in the chamber below the
speaker's quarters.

Parliament Member Missing.

William S. Logle, member of parlia-
ment for Northumberland, N. B., is
reported missing. It was stated last
night that Frederick F. Pardee, the
chief liberal whip in the house of
commons, also was missing but
it was subsequently learned that he
went to Sarnia, Ontario yesterday.

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EASTLAND CLAIMS TO
REACH MILLION MARKChicago, Feb. 4.—The period set for
filing claims before the United States
commissioner for damages in connec-
tion with the capsizing of the steamer
Eastland in the Chicago river closes
tonight. Claims totalling \$1,000,000 it
is said, will be presented. More than
\$500,000 in claims had been filed with
the commissioner today.6 WOMEN PERISH
IN HOUSE SWEEPED
BY FIRE IN NIGHTNew York, Feb. 4.—Six women per-
ished in a fire which destroyed the
home of Mrs. Casimir Tag at 243 Han-
cock street, Brooklyn, early today. Mrs.
Tag, widow of the president of the
German Savings bank, escaped, but
two of her daughters were among the
victims.The dead are:
MISS CAROLINE TAG and MISS
HELEN TAG, the daughters of the
late bank president.
HANNA E. SNAYLEY, 68 years old,
a cousin of Mrs. Tag.
JENNIE STEINMAN, a nurse.
TWO SERVANTS.The fire which began in a partition
on the lower floor of the four-story
house, is attributed to defective insu-
lation of wires.Miss Caroline Tag awakened her
mother, who is 60 years old, and added
her to escape through a third story
window. Apparently Miss Tag then
went to the rooms of her sister and the
other occupants to awaken them and
she with the others was trapped by
the flames and smoke which filled the
hall and stairways, cutting off their
means of exit. There were no fire
escapes in the building.Miss Tag was engaged to be
married on Feb. 15. Her father was
prominent in the tobacco industry as
well as in banking and left an estate
estimated at \$1,500,000.TOWN ISOLATED
BY VILLA ATTACKEl Paso, Texas, Feb. 4.—Juarez, the
Mexican border town opposite here,
was completely isolated early today
from communication with Chihuahua
City, as the result of the attack late
yesterday of Francisco Villa on the
garrison at Moctezuma, 100 miles
south of here.Beyond establishing the fact that
Villa himself led the attack, no news
had been received at military head-
quarters early today to indicate how
the fight progressed.Troops under General Herrera were
hurrying from Chihuahua City to At-
tack Villa, while reinforcements from
Villa Ahumada of 150 men of some
machine guns were enroute to Moc-
tezuma to support the Carranza
troops. They believed that should the
fighting be prolonged, Villa would be
surrounded on all sides.SUFFS SEEK PLANK
ING. O. P. PLATFORMChicago, Feb. 4.—Plans for a suf-
frage parade, in which 20,000 woman
suffragists are expected to participate
in the hope of bringing about insertion
of a "votes for women" plank in the
republican platform, were made pub-
lic today.At a conference yesterday with lo-
cal suffrage leaders, Mrs. Carrie Chap-
man Catt, chairman of the national
suffrage organization, discussed the
plan to bring women from all sec-
tions of the United States to march in
the parade to be held during the ses-
sion here in June of the republican
national convention.Each Chicago suffragist, Mrs. Catt
said, will be asked to entertain at
least one visiting suffragist during the
convention.SHERIFF CONVERTED
STARTS TO "CLEAN UP"Springfield, Ill., Feb. 4.—Following
his public conversion at a revival
service here last night Sheriff John
A. Wheeler declared today that all
gambling, big and small in Spring-
field and Sangamon county must stop.
Since he became sheriff, Wheeler, who
is a physician, has enforced the Sun-
day closing law and closed the broth-
els in the county.Since the revival services began he
has provided guards each night for
those of his prisoners who expressed
a desire to attend. Many of the pris-
oners have professed Christianity.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.Snow and not so cold tonight with
the lowest temperature about 5 or 10
degrees above zero; Saturday unset-
tled.Temperature at 7 a. m. 4. Highest
yesterday, 13, lowest last night, 2.
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 4 miles
per hour.Precipitation none.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 81, at 7
a. m. 89, at 1 p. m. today, 78.
Stage of water, 13.5; a fall of .5 in
last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

WORD TIES UP
END OF CASE
IN LUSITANIAGermany Refuses to Brand
Actions of the Subma-
rine as "Illegal."

BERLIN IS STIRRED

Germans See Gravest Crisis
of War at New Turn in
Negotiations.Berlin, Feb. 4. (via London).—In-
formation reaching the Associated
Press today indicates that under no
circumstances will Germany admit the
sinking of the Lusitania was an illegal
act.The new instructions forwarded to
Ambassador Bernstorff, according to
this information, contains simply one
phrase of the new formulation of the
proposed note of regret for the sink-
ing of the Lusitania. The suggested
sentence is short, consisting of only
eight words and does not contain the
word "illegal." It represents the ex-
treme limit of Germany's concessions
in the Lusitania case.

Most Serious Crisis.

The view is entertained here that
one of the most serious crises of the
war has arisen in connection with the
Lusitania case, and that it is impos-
sible to foresee the outcome from any
indication here. The result of the ne-
gotiations appears to hinge solely on
the one word "illegal."In the way of an agreement between
the United States and Germany stand
only these seven letters, expressing
the concept which President Wilson
and Secretary Lansing insist must be
embodied in the German formula ex-
pressing regret for the loss of Ameri-
can lives aboard the Cunarder.

Germany Refuses to Use Word.

The Associated Press is informed
positively and authoritatively that Ger-
many cannot and will not designate as
illegal the sinking of a liner by any
submarine.Virtually no other differences in the
way of settlement remain, and the
new instructions forwarded to Amba-
sador von Bernstorff on Tuesday con-
tain merely the new formula by which
it is hoped to satisfy Washington with-
out humiliating this country.Although the suggested sentence, ac-
cording to a reliable version, consists
of only eight words and does not con-
tain the word "illegal" or characterize
the sinking of the Lusitania as such, it
goes otherwise to the furthest ex-
tent possible toward meeting American
desires.

Hints at Break.

Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, under-se-
cretary for foreign affairs, in an inter-
view with The Associated Press, ex-
pressed the hope that the new for-
mula forwarded to Ambassador von
Bernstorff would offer a possible basis
of settlement. However, he made no
effort to conceal the gravity of the
situation and was most explicit in his
statements that Germany had reached
the extreme limit of concessions and
under no circumstances would con-
cede the illegality of her submarine
campaign in the war area."The government is willing to do
everything in its power, and has done
everything in its power, to meet Ameri-
can wishes," he said, "but there are
limits beyond which even friendship
snaps."

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DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.

Met at noon.
Resumed debate on Philippine
bill.Lieutenant General Eshleman
of California pleaded for relief
of oil prospectors before public
lands committee.Senator Thomas submitted a
resolution denouncing destruction
of "incendiary" parliament building
as "incendiaryism."Senator Works attacked the
president's defense campaign be-
fore the military committee.

HOUSE.

Met at noon.
Indian appropriation bill under
debate.Governor Goethals of the Pan-
ama Canal zone told appropri-
ations committee the date of re-
opening the waterway was still
speculative because of slides.Major General Scott, before
military committee and Rear Ad-
miral Blue, before naval commit-
tee, testified on national defense
problems.Appam to be
Held German
Prize by U.S.Washington, Feb. 4.—Secretary Lan-
sing indicated today that the United
States had decided to hold that the
Prussian-American treaty governs the
case of the Appam, as Germany con-
tends, and that all that remained to be
decided was the interpretation of the
application of the treaty's terms.The secretary disclosed further that
the sole question to be decided by the
interpretation was how long the Ap-
pam should be permitted to remain
in American waters.The treaty guarantees to a German
prize the right to come and go freely.
If the Appam were forced to depart
she would doubtless become the prey
of British cruisers outside the Vir-
ginia capes. If forced to depart, Ger-
man officials have stated the ship
would be sunk to prevent her recap-
ture by the British.Germany is expected to contend that
the treaty guarantees the Appam the
right to remain safe in Hampton
Roads until the case goes before a
prize court for adjudication. Techni-
cally the ship does not become Ger-
many's prize until such a court estab-
lishes the validity of her capture.Newport News, Va., Feb. 4.—Only
Lieutenant Berge and his small prize
crew remain today aboard the former
British passenger steamer Appam,
brought into these neutral waters last
Thursday as a prize of war. The lin-
er's passengers and original ship's
company, taken prisoners when the
steamer was captured by a mysterious
German raider off the Canary Islands,
Jan. 15, were liberated last night by
order of the United States govern-
ment.The passengers today are aboard the
Old Dominion liner Jefferson, en-
route for New York, where they were
expected to arrive tonight. The mem-
bers of the crew, with the gun point-
ers taken from other British steamers
which the raider sank before the
Appam was overhauled, are in Norfolk
awaiting the sailing of another New
York steamer tonight.The Appam is to remain at this
port until the Washington government
decides what disposition of her shall
be made—whether she shall be held a
fair prize of her German captors
under the Prussian-American treaty
or returned to her British owners
under the Hague convention.Washington, Feb. 4.—Conferences
over the status of the British liner
Appam were continued today between
Secretary Lansing and other officials
of the state department and the neu-
trality board.Officials are proceeding cautiously
in determining the course of the United
States government because of the
many diplomatic complexities involv-
ed in the case.Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British
ambassador, today presented a formal
demand on behalf of his government,
for the return to British owners of the
liner Appam, taken by a German
prize crew. A new diplomatic con-
troversy with Great Britain is fore-
shadowed as the United States prac-
tically has decided the prize is Ger-
many's.JUDGES AND LAWYERS
GATHER AT DECATURDecatur, Ill., Feb. 4.—Judges of the
supreme and appellate courts of Illi-
nois met here today with the members
of the Illinois Bar association of the
third supreme district. There was a
heated discussion on the matter of a
new constitution for the organization
and on the advisability of changing
the method of instructing juries.

Hotel Destroyed by Fire.

Hull, Mass., Feb. 4.—The Rockland
House, one of the largest hotels at
Nantasket Beach, was destroyed by
fire today. The loss is \$100,000. The
only person in the building was the
caretaker, the hotel having been closed
since the end of the summer season.BRITISH PREPARE
TO BALK GERMANSLondon, Feb. 4.—The Times an-
nounces today that the government "is
taking various important steps" in con-
sequence of Monday's air raid. The
first of these, the newspapers say, is a
change in the policy regarding the
publication of accounts of what hap-
pens.The other steps, the Times adds,
are obviously of a confidential charac-
ter, but there is no question that the
visitation has produced an outburst
of unusual activity in the department
concerned.The responsibility for defense
against air attacks is still dual, ac-
cording to the Times, the defense of
London being vested in the war office,
while the defense of the coast line and
the remainder of England is with the
admiralty. This, says the Times, is ob-
viously an unsatisfactory arrange-
ment and is not likely to continue.JAPANESE STEAMER RAMS
ANOTHER SHIP AND SINKS
WITH HEAVY TOLL OF LIFEFIVE LIVES LOST
IN HOTEL BLAZEAtlantic City, N. J., Feb. 4.—Five
persons lost their lives and eight oth-
ers were seriously injured today in a
fire which destroyed the Overbrook
hotel here. Several of the injured are
expected to die.
The fire is believed to have started
in the kitchen. When it was discovered,
flames were shooting up the elevator
shaft and soon afterward the entire
building was burning. Many guests
had to jump from windows.
One woman was seen to faint after
calling for help from an upper win-
dow and was burned to death while
her body lay across the sill in view of
hundreds of persons unable to help
her. The engineer of the hotel hung
out of a window until the fire reached
his hands and caused him to drop to
the street. He was killed almost in-
stantly. Another woman who managed
to crawl out of a window fell and
also lost her life.FORD SAYS HE IS
GOING TO EUROPEBerlin, Feb. 4.—Louis Lochner, sec-
retary of the Ford peace expedition,
and H. C. Evans of Des Moines, Iowa,
one of the delegates, departed from
Berlin last night for Switzerland after
a stay here of several days. Mr. Loch-
ner received a cablegram from Wil-
liam J. Bryan announcing his accept-
ance of membership in the permanent
peace committee. Henry Ford also
sent a cablegram, in which he said his
confidence in the peace project was
undiminished and that he would soon
return to Europe.POPE RECEIVES
PLEASING NEWSRome, via Paris, Feb. 3. (10:45 p. m.)
—Pope Benedict received today from
Monsignor Dolci, the apostolic dele-
gate at Constantinople what he termed
"consoling news among so much sad-
ness." It was a report saying that two
chaplains sent by papal instruction to
the Anglo-French prisoner concentra-
tion camp at Afion Kara-Hissar, were
received with kindness and respect by
the Turkish authorities. They found
the prisoners in good health.
The chaplains distributed among the
prisoners presents sent by the pontiff,
which were received with gratitude.
The prisoners asked for prayer books
printed in English and French.PASS BILL TO HELP
FLOOD SUFFERERSWashington, Feb. 4.—The senate to-
day passed a bill by Senator Robinson,
democrat, of Arkansas, appropriating
\$100,000 for the relief of flood sufferers
in the Mississippi valley, and author-
izing the secretary of war to loan tents
for the homeless. It then went to the
house.

Latest Bulletins

Petrograd, Feb. 4.—The Novoe
Vremya asserts it has received from
a trustworthy source information that
the Turks have evacuated Erzerum,
one of their principal strongholds on the Caucasian
front.El Paso, Tex., Feb. 4.—General
Francisco Villa is encircled by
forces of the defacto government and
cannot cross the international
line, if that be his objective, ac-
cording to General Gabriel Garza,
commandant at Juarez.Berlin, Feb. 4.—Germany has
granted permission for the carry-
ing on of relief work in Poland,
provided adequate funds are raised
and the entente allies consent
to the importation of food sup-
plies.East St. Louis, Ill., Feb. 4.—Ar-
thur and George Hoppe, brothers,
aged 11 and 13 years, were drown-
ed today in Indian Lake, two miles
from here while skating.Manila, Feb. 4.—Both houses of
the legislature were in session all
night in an effort to dispose of their
business and avoid an extra
session.Daijin Maru and Steamship
Linan Crash Into Each
Other During Night.

TWENTY-ONE SAVED

Only Score of Total Passen-
ger List Survive Far
East Tragedy.Shanghai, Feb. 4.—The Japanese
liner Daijin Maru was sunk Wed-
nesday night in a collision with the
steamship Linan and 160 lives
were lost.
Twenty-one persons were saved.
The Linan, badly damaged, is re-
turning to Hong Kong. The col-
lision occurred at night, at a point
80 miles from Swatow.The Daijin Maru, 243 feet long,
was built at Kobe in 1900. She was
owned in Osaka.
The Linan is owned by the China
Navigation company of London.
She is 300 feet long and was built
at Green Oak in 1903.Athens, Feb. 2. (via London, Feb. 4.
5:05 p. m.)—"There is not any way to
tell you so that you would understand
the awful horror of things that I have
seen in the last month," said Marie
Lemos of Chicago, one of the Red Cross
nurses who survived the sinking of the
Italian steamship Brindisi which re-
cently struck a mine in the Adriatic.
She continued:"The hideous rapidity of the sinking
of the steamship Brindisi with her
decks covered with dead; myself shot
into the water, which was full of strug-
gling youths trying to keep afloat but
disappearing one by one within sight
of land; the Austrian aeroplane at-
tacks on San Giovanni de Medua and
Durazzo; the sight of hundreds of
Serbs falling exhausted and dying from
hunger and cold along the road of
their retreat through Albania—it does
not seem believable."Miss Lemos is 22 years old, with
broad features, revealing her Bohemian
extraction. High laced boots, a
khaki blouse, a jacket embroidered
with the Red Cross insignia and a
flannel waist constitute her only pos-
sessions."We struck a mine at 9:30 o'clock
in the morning and the ship began to
sink immediately," said Miss Lemos.
"We tried to lower a boat but the ship
keeled over so that everybody was
thrown into the water. Miss Hamble
could not swim and never came up. I
scrambled back aboard the Brindisi
where I found some 200 Montenegrins
who were unable to swim. These men
said they would not die by the enemy's
hands. They sang their national an-
them and then one squad shot the oth-
ers and finally killed themselves. The
decks were covered with dead and
awash with blood.""When the ship began to founder I
slipped back into the water and swam
to a plank on which several men were
clinging, but who dropped off one by
one. Finally, after being three hours
in the water I was picked up and taken
to San Giovanni de Medua.""As soon as the 143 persons
rescued were safely ashore the
remaining Montenegrins lined up
and re-sang the national anthem.
While the men were singing an
Austrian aeroplane squadron bombard-
ed the town, killing 18 of those who
had just been saved.""From San Giovanni de Medua we
walked to Scutari and sought to join
the Serbian staff at Plavica but six
days later the occupation of the town
took place.""King Nicholas of Montenegro fetch-
ed us to Scutari in his boat. He is a
kindly old man who seems to under-
stand, but Prince Peter says he wants
to give up the struggle and again be-
gin life as a private citizen, preferably
in America.""From Scutari we walked five days
through sleet and snow over detestable
roads, along which the hunger-weakened
Serbs died like flies.""Reaching Durazzo, seven pursuing
Austrian aeroplanes bombarded the
town where the remnants of the Ser-
bian army were so crowded that they
were unable to escape the missiles.
Many were killed and other wounded,
and owing to the lack of medical stores
the suffering was frightful."91 Counties Show Gain of 138,267.
Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 4.—Ninety-
one of the 99 counties in Iowa show a
gain in population over 1910 of 138,-
267, according to reports received by
the state census department today. The
total population of the 91 counties is
2,209,992, as against 2,071,725 in 1910.